

REMARKS

In response to the Notice, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge to Deposit Account No. 23-1703 the \$770 basic application filing fee and the \$130 surcharge set forth in 37 CFR \$1.16(e) for late payment of the filing fee.

It is also indicated in the Notice that additional claim fees of \$470 are owed. However, Applicants wish to point out that a Preliminary Amendment to the claims has been submitted under separate cover. By that Amendment, a number of claims have been cancelled and all multiple dependencies have been eliminated. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Office undertake a redetermination of the fees due and reduce said fees accordingly. Should it be determined that additional claim fees are still due for this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them as well to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

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Respectfully submitted,



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